

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for delivering messages, the method comprising the steps of:

accepting an article to be delivered;

5 accepting an electronic message by associating the electronic message with the article; and

sending the electronic message associated with the article to a receiver of the article at the time of receiving notification that delivery of the article is completed.

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2. A method for delivering messages, the method comprising the steps of:

accepting an article to be delivered;

15 accepting an electronic message by associating the electronic message with the article; and

sending the electronic message associated with the article to a terminal of a deliverer who delivers the article at the time of shipping the article to deliver.

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3. A method for delivering messages, the method comprising the steps of:

accepting information regarding an article to be delivered and an electronic message associated with the article from a server; and

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sending the electronic message associated with the article to a receiver of the article at the time of accepting input which indicates that delivery of the article is completed.

4. A method for delivering messages, the method comprising the steps of:

accepting an article to be delivered;

5 accepting an electronic message by associating the electronic message with the article; and

permitting updating the electronic message associated with the article before receiving notification that delivery of the article is completed.

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5. A program executed on a computer for delivering messages, the program comprising:

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting an article to be delivered;

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a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting an electronic message by associating the electronic message with the article; and

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for sending the electronic message associated with the article to a receiver of the article at the time of receiving notification that delivery of the article is completed.

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6. A program executed on a computer for delivering messages, the program comprising:

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a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting an article to be delivered;

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit

for accepting an electronic message by associating the electronic message with the article; and

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for sending the electronic message associated with the article to a terminal of a deliverer at the time of shipping the article to deliver.

7. A program executed on a computer for delivering messages, the program comprising:

10 a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting information regarding an article to be delivered and an electronic message associated with the article from a server; and

15 a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for sending the electronic message associated with the article to a receiver of the article at the time of accepting input which indicates that delivery of the article is completed.

20 8. A program executed on a computer for delivering messages, the program comprising:

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting an article to be delivered;

25 a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting an electronic message by associating the electronic message with the article; and

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for permitting updating the electronic message associated with

the article before receiving notification that delivery of the article is completed.

9. A unit for delivering messages, the unit comprising:  
5 a section for accepting information regarding an article to be delivered and an electronic message associated with the article from a server; and

a section for sending the electronic message associated with the article to a receiver of the article at the time of  
10 accepting input which indicates that delivery of the article is completed.

10. A method for delivering messages, the method comprising the steps of:

15 sending an identifier for an article delivery of which is requested and an electronic message directed to a receiver of the article to a server;

sending the server a request to update the electronic message sent; and

20 causing the server to update the electronic message on the basis of the sent request for update in the case of delivery of an article associated in the server with an identifier included in the request for update being judged by the server not complete.